

## **TOWN OF LINCOLN**

### **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING**

**January 14, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Commission members present were Chairman John Sharkey, Andy Bruscini, Lee Ann Lamothe, and Gary Stott. Michael Gagnon, the Public Works Director, was also present.

#### **Commissioner's Reports:**

**Saylesville- Gary Stott-** Even though it is winter, people are still at Arnold Park. The shed at Barney's Pond was refurbished and looks nice. People that live on Grandview Ave are parking in the few designated spots that are for Barney's Pond. During the winter the parking might not be an issue, but in the spring it will need to be addressed if the problem persists.

**Lonsdale- Roy Coulombe-** no report.

**Albion- John Sharkey-** Albion Park looks beautiful. The inside of the building is still under construction. Wondering if the cinder block dug outs can be redone with either the same materials as the new building, or at least painted to match the same color. There is a swing missing in the playground. The yellow trim on top of the baseball field fence is old and faded and should really be replaced.

**Manville- Lee Ann Lamothe-** The bench in the park is solid, but splinters could definitely happen.

**Fairlawn- Andy Bruscini-** There is graffiti on the fence at the basketball courts. The guy across the street from the baseball field is still a problem with his dog running on the field.

**Limerock- Steve Reynolds- no report.**

**Quinville- Joe Goho- no report.**

**Director's Report: He wasn't present, but I handed out some sheets for him. On the handout, Paul Prachniak reported that the flag football fields are painted at The Pit and Chet Nichols Field. The soccer field was painted at Manville. The trash barrels were emptied at all locations. They cut the fields at Fairlawn, Saylesville, Gateway, Manville, Lime Acres, and Albion. Leaf removal was completed at Quinville and Fairlawn. The water was shut off to winterize all of the parks. With the Youth Center program, there was bus runs, supply runs and clean up done. They assisted animal control. Also, lots of preventative maintenance was performed at the parks. They back-flowed the sprinkler systems. Preventive maintenance was completed on the trucks units 6, 7, 10, 34 and at the Chase Farm restrooms. The plows were mounted.**

**For capital projects, the interior walls of Albion Park are in place, the roofing and siding are 75% done, and the rough plumbing and electricity is complete. As far as sports programs, Biddy Basketball and Youthoop registration is complete and the program has commenced. The enrollment for Colours League and Junior League are taking place, and the instructional basketball and adult league registration is starting soon. The Youth Center has weekly activities and bi-monthly special events, as well as a winter field trip planned, and YOGA-rolling registrations.**

**Paul attended the RI Recreation and Parks Association board meeting. He guided the Eagle Scout trail blazing project as well as**

partaking in the Special Needs program Thanksgiving gatherings. He planned the transfer of the maintenance area for the staff members because the shed was deemed unsafe and will be torn down. He did a follow-up on DEM grant reimbursement requirements. Provided service for the SPED holiday party at the Youth Center. Discussed Ocean State Senior Olympics future plans with the RI Director. Gathered information and surveyed potential sites for the 2015 Festive Displays.

**Public Works Director's Report:** Michael Gagnon handed out a packet of pictures of various things around town. The first set of pictures was of Albion Park showing the progress of the inside and the outside of the new building. He also said that the basketball court will be getting resurfaced, and the paving that will occur in Albion Park will not interrupt the baseball season. The next picture was of the benches that need repair at Manville Park. Next, was a picture of the graffiti on the basketball fence at Fairlawn Park. And lastly, was a picture of the playground at Lime Acres. Mike says this playground is not as bad as some of the others, but it is old. The public works guys did clear a lot of the undergrowth at the playground. It was brought up that the playground is in a very secluded area, and if it is ever redone, maybe it should be moved to a different area of the park.

Michael said that he was all in favor of the idea of putting baby changing stations in all of the parks. He was not in favor of the pet waste stations. He believes that people would just take the bags which would be costly. He believes people should be responsible for

**their own pets.**

**Old Business:**

**A) Albion Park Status:** The inside of the building is still under construction, but is looking good.

**B) Graffiti at Fairlawn:** The graffiti is not as much of a problem, but it is still there. Captain Phil Gould is going to be taking a closer look.

**New Business: None**

**A motion to adjourn was made by Gary Stott, and the motion was seconded by member Andy Bruscini.**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.**